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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Pending claims

Claims 1 to 92 as filed are pending.

The Restriction Requirement

The Patent Office has alleged that the pending claims of the application are directed to ten separate and distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group IV, claims 42 to 55, drawn to methods of generating a variant.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this Response. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 06-1050. Please credit any overpayment to the above-noted Deposit Account.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858 678 5070.

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